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## **CITY FINDS MULTIPLE VIOLATIONS; ISSUES 12 CITATIONS IN SCRAP METAL SWEEP**

INDIANAPOLIS – The City of Indianapolis issued 12 citations as part of a recent scrap metal sweep intended to identify unlicensed vendors and refuse/waste haulers. The Department of Code Enforcement (DCE) and Indianapolis Metropolitan Police Department (IMPD) conducted an unannounced inspection at five scrap metal locations around Marion County. The city issued 12 Uniform Traffic Tickets (UTTs): nine for unlicensed refuse/waste hauling; one for operating a vehicle without a license; and two for operating a vehicle with a suspended license.

Scrap metal vendors and refuse/waste haulers are required to maintain current licenses and keep accurate records of materials they receive as a protection to homeowners and businesses against theft. In instances of scrap metal theft, this allows victims to identify and retrieve their property.

“Reporting and licensing requirements offer strong measures of consumer protection against scrap metal theft,” said DCE Director Rick Powers. “The vast majority of scrap metal vendors and haulers are cooperative and make every effort to operate within the law; however, coordinated sweeps continue to be a useful tool in enforcing these important regulations.”

Should scrap metal theft occur, accurate record keeping by scrap metal vendors allows a victim to identify and retrieve their property. Inspections also ensure compliance with license, land use and environmental requirements.

Under Revised Code, it is unlawful to operate a salvage business or deal in scrap metals without obtaining a license from DCE. Businesses and dealers are required to keep all records of transactions for at least five years. Additionally, all refuse haulers must be registered with DCE unless hauling materials from their own property. More information about licensing requirements is available at [www.indy.gov/licensing](http://www.indy.gov/licensing).

An initial court date for the UTTs issued in this sweep has been set for April 8, 2013.

*The mission of the Department of Code Enforcement (DCE) is to improve the quality of life in the City of Indianapolis through strategic application of civil code regulation; effective licensing, permitting, inspection, enforcement, and abatement practices; and local government oversight of property safety and maintenance, business, event, professional, and construction industries.*

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